

MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 10, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting of the Ocean City Board of Education was called to order by President Kane on Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 4:30 p.m. in the Ocean City High School Community Room, 501 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean City, NJ.

OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT ANNOUNCEMENT

President Kane announced that adequate notice of this meeting was provided in accordance with the Open Public Meetings Act, Chapter 231, P.L. 1975. Notice of the time, place and agenda were filed with the city clerk, posted in the lobby of City Hall, and delivered to the Ocean City Sentinel and the Press of Atlantic City.

President Kane led everyone present in a salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

On roll call, members present were Joseph S. Clark, Jr., Cecilia Gallelli-Keyes (arrived at 4:33 p.m.), Chris Halliday, William Holmes, Jacqueline McAlister, Fran Newman, Charles Roche, William Sooy (arrived at 4:41 p.m.), Disston Vanderslice, Gregory Whelan, and Patrick Kane. Also present were Thomas Baruffi, Ed.D., Interim Superintendent, Timothy E. Kelley, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and Michael Stanton, Esquire. Member absent was Michael James. There were 24 members of the public present.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Katherine Panico, Ocean City, addressed the Board with concerns surrounding the high school girls' basketball team, its coaches, and high school and district administration.

James Ridgeway, Cape May, addressed the Board regarding the head coach of the high school girls' basketball program.

Joe Monteleone, Upper Township, addressed the Board with concerns surrounding the high school girls' basketball team, its coaches, and high school and district administration.

Mary Ellen Duggan, Upper Township, addressed the Board regarding the head coach of the high school girls' basketball program.

Paul Matusz, OCEA President, addressed the Board regarding concerns raised regarding the head coach of the girls' high school basketball program.

Nancy Ridgeway, Cape May, addressed the Board regarding the head coach of the high school girls' basketball program.

Dan Cappelletti, Lower Township, addressed the Board regarding the girls' basketball program and the head coach of the high school girls' basketball program.

Christie Chisolm, Upper Township, addressed the Board with concerns surrounding the high school girls' basketball team, its coaches, and high school and district administration.

BOARD PRESIDENT COMMENTS

Dr. Kane thanked everyone for their comments and for attending the special meeting. Dr. Kane noted that the Board members have received a number of emails from the public and wanted to acknowledge them to the public attending today's special meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Halliday, and carried unanimously to adopt a resolution to go into Executive Session.

President Kane stated: WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act authorizes Boards of Education to meet in executive session under certain circumstances,

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act requires the Board to adopt a resolution at a public meeting to go into private sessions; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Ocean City Board of Education, that it is necessary to meet in executive session to discuss certain items involving: Matters involving anticipated or pending litigation, including matters of attorney-client privilege, and specifically: Potential Litigation; Matters involving personnel issues, including but not limited to, the employment, appointment, termination of employment, terms and conditions of employment, evaluation of performance, promotion or discipline of any public officer or employee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any discussion held by the Board which need not remain confidential will be made public as soon as feasible. The minutes of the executive session will not be disclosed until the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education will not return to open session to conduct business at the conclusion of the executive session.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 5:02 p.m.

RECONVENE MEETING

Motion to reopen public session at 6:42 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Halliday, seconded by Ms. Gallelli-Keyes, and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy E. Kelley
Business Administrator/
Board Secretary

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